



Early Voting October 20-31

Election Day November 4th

October 7, 2008

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I am writing to you today to ask for your support as we approach the home stretch for the November 4<sup>th</sup> election. I am seeking your vote, as your mayor, for a third term to continue the positive work we began in 2002 when you sent me to city hall as a council member.

With your help I began my first term as mayor in June of 2004 and together we have accomplished much: *job creation, more efficient government, improved financial management and development guidelines to influence our growth patterns.* We *protected* the San Marcos River with the *Rio Vista Falls* transformation and *preserved* 251 acres of parkland now known as *Spring Lake Preserve*.

Together we completed the long awaited *Wonder World Railroad Overpass* and opened a second overpass at *Yorrington Road*. One of the most exciting projects we accomplished together is nearing completion. The *Son Morcos Conference Center and Embassy Suites Hotel* at McCarty Lane and IH35 will open soon. Please accept my personal invitation to attend the ribbon cutting and reception which will be held on October 16 at 6 p.m. This will be a special evening for our citizens to get a sneak peek of the facilities and attend the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual State of the City Address.

In December of 2006, the council embarked on many tough discussions surrounding our *capital improvement process, debt monagement, evolution of olternative energy and economic development*. We fought hard at the State Capitol regarding the regulation of the *Edwards Aquifer* and we brought back home nearly *\$12 million dollars* to be used to further *loco infrastructure goals* like the Wonder World Extension and the San Marcos Airport. We concluded our negotiations with the Texas Highway Commission and *secured approximately \$60 million* that will reimburse the city after we complete the *Wonder World Extension*.

I spent many hours at the Hays County Commissioners Court giving testimony on the importance of keeping the \$133 million dollars that TxDOT has agreed to send to Hays County for roads in our community including the *McCarty Lane/Loop 110* project to get our kids to and from school safely. I have devoted many hours at the Court to ensure that San Marcos received its fair share of the \$30 million dollar park bond and we successfully secured funds for access to football fields as part of the *Village Project* and most recently more than \$3 million for *Five W Dom soccer fields* and various *park improvements*.

That brings us to the final push for the November 4<sup>th</sup> election and a third term of *progress and prosperity*. A third term to finalize a *strong economic plan* and a third term to work on many *transportation-related projects* including a mass transit *partnership with Texas State University, relocating the railroad* east of town to relieve us of the congestion and lost time due to extreme freight rail passing through our city, to place a real *implementation strategy* into effect so that our *downtown master plan* will come to fruition in our lifetime. Together we have accomplished much, but *together we have more to do.*

We continue to receive the endorsements of many organizations such as the San Marcos Police Association, the San Marcos Professional Fire Fighter Association and the San Marcos Board of Realtors to name a few. Their public affirmation of my work speaks to my ability to *collaborate* with many groups but it is your individual endorsement that makes the difference to me. The vote of the citizens that I serve, of people just like me who work for a living and desire to give back to their community, is what will ensure a strong victory on Election Day.

To that end, I am asking each of you to commit to helping me by encouraging your family, friends, neighbors and co-workers to vote for Mayor SUSAN during early voting starting on October 20 through October 31. I have included six information pieces in this envelope, one for you and five for you to place in the hands of people you know that will vote in the San Marcos City Elections. I ask for your help in this way to ensure that our good work will continue.

Of all the things I touched on in this letter and all the hard work that goes into this volunteer position you probably are wondering, "Why does she want to do this again?" I will admit that there have been days that I tire of the politics and the selfish interest of some. Most days it is about the *families* that I come to know and am able to help or the *children* that I meet that depend on our decisions. It is the opportunity to visit our *young leaders* in the community schools and at Texas State University and hear how they view the world. It is the conversations with our *seasoned citizens* that share their historical perspective and its importance on our future. I am passionate about representing the ideal of *public good* and *common sense*. I love our *democracy* and I know *one person makes a difference. The answer is simply I am here to serve.* I believe I am the person for this important leadership role at this time in the history of our city.

*Will you help me answer the call to serve?*

Most Sincerely,



Mayor SUSAN

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